In view of this reply no further action was taken in the matter.

(b) A proposal to store rain water in high level tanks in the South Kanara district was considered in 1933 and it was reported by the Collector and the Board of Revenue that such a scheme was neither practicable nor necessary.

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" With reference to the reply of Sir Archibald Campbell referred to in the answer to clause (a), may I ask the Hon. the Revenue Member whether it is not a fact that rainfall is confined to a few months in South Kanara and that owing to very severe drought during the other months of the year the crops suffer? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" I do not think that is a general statement, but it is correct so far as this district is concerned."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Is it not a fact that there are already some tanks in South Kanara such as the tank at Ramasamudram which show that a general tank scheme is feasible? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" Investigations have shown that what Sir Archibald Campbell said is correct."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that it is the mud dam that prevents the free flow of water and that it is washed away during floods in the rainy season and silts up? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" That, Sir, I think, is what Sir Archibald Campbell has stated."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" It is stated that five schemes were investigated and were given up on financial or other grounds or were waiting until the requirements of the Ceded districts have been met. May I know what those five schemes are? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—" Will the Hon. the Revenue Member, with his large experience of South Kanara and with his keen sympathy, be pleased to reopen the matter and reconsider the whole scheme? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" I will look into that matter, Sir."

Land Revenue Administration

Deputation of the Tanjore Mirasidars to His Excellency the Governor in re *the levy of additional taxation.*

* 386 Q.—Mr. G. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the memorandum submitted on 26th April 1935 at Ootacamund to His Excellency the Governor by the deputation on behalf of the mirasidars of the Tanjore Delta for the cancellation and revocation of the three Government Orders, viz., G.O. No. 1853, Revenue, dated 5th September 1932,

G.O. No. 474, Revenue, dated 15th March 1933 and G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933 which have ordered the levy of additional taxation, water charge and cess on the existing irrigated wet and dry lands in the old delta including minor inams and proprietary estates; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have called for a report from the Board of Revenue in the matter. The Board's report is awaited.

The attention of the hon. Member is, in this connexion, invited to G.O. No. 1569 (29-S), Revenue, dated 9th July 1935 (which has been placed at the disposal of the Press) in which concessional rates for water-cess and second-crop charge have been sanctioned for fasli 1345.

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have passed orders on the report submitted by a committee which went into the question of allocating capital expenditure between the new Cauvery delta and the old delta?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I believe, Sir, the Board of Revenue is considering the matter."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"With reference to the reclassification of lands between the two settlements in the Cauvery delta on the basis that the delta is getting better off, there has been a complaint and I believe the memorial of the mirasidars also referred to that question, may I know whether Government are going to consider that aspect of the matter also before issuing orders?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"That aspect also is being considered, Sir."

Deputation of the Tanjore mirasidars of His Excellency the Governor in re the levy of additional taxation.

* 387 *Q.*—Mr. V. Nadimuthu Pillai: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

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(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 386.